

Taiwan Local Public Transportation Infrastructure

Total bus ridership vs. population for Taiwan counties/cities, 2018

Taiwan is a small island country. It is developing its local public transportation

infrastructure for local residents and tourists to make good use of it.

It is also responding to environmental protection and sustainable development.

Outlying Islands regions
have developed their own local tour bus systems for local residents and tourists to easily travel around their islands.

Therefore, some tour bus departure times will match the arrival time of some flights or boats.

***Kinmen County**

Some regions that are still not having good bus services would rely on railway branches. Or, they might have a very flourishing private vehicle transportation industry, such as taxi.

Penghu County

Chiayi County

Tainan City

Kaohsiung City

Although Tainan is a major city, local residents in Tainan love high mobility vehicles, especially motorcycles. They are reluctant to use public transportation, even bus services cannot make reasonable income for bus companies.

Thus, their bus services volume is greatly lower than other Taiwan major cities.

The west side of Taiwan has local bus services, railway system, and high speed rail.

New Taipei City

Taoyuan City



Hsinchu City
Hsinchu County

Miaoli County

Taichung City

Nantou County

Hualien County

Taitung County

Pingtung County

25

Miles

Keelung City

Taipei City

Taipei City

Union Station

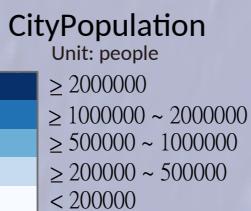
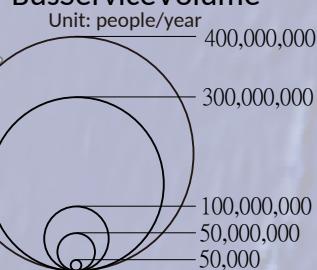
These major cities are having 3 different public railway transportation, which are Taiwan High Speed Rail, Taiwan Railway, and their city Metro System, at the same station. Most of them will also have bus transfer stations within a five-minute walk

Central Range and Costal Range severely constrain the transportation system development to the east side of Taiwan.

The east side of Taiwan has only a very slender plateau area, so the railway can barely go through Hualien and Taitung. Thus, railway is the main transportation way for people to go to the east side of Taiwan. But the railway volume is mostly underserving.

In response to the underserving of the railway volume. Hualien and Taitung have developed and shared some of the bus lines making tourists and local people can have choices to take either buses or trains to their destination.

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Major City

Taiwan High Speed Rail

Taiwan Railway System

*Lienchiang County and Kinmen County are not to scale.

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Mainland Taiwan

1:1,800,000

Projection: TWD 1997 TM Taiwan

Central Meridian 121°E

Inset Map (Lienchiang and Kinmen)

Projection: TWD 1997 TM Taiwan

Central Meridian 121°E

Lienchiang County

1:1,000,000

Kinmen County

1:3,000,000

Data Source:

Base Map - Open Data from Taiwan Map Store

Background Ocean Image - Natural Earth Data

Bus Volume Data - Aggregated Open Data from Taiwan city agency official websites and the related link provided on their websites.

City Population Data - The 15th weekly report, 2018, from Department of Statistics, Ministry of the Interior, Taiwan